

**FORMERLY USED DEFENSE SITES (FUDS)
PROJECT FACT SHEET
REVISION 1: 18 SEPTEMBER 1995
TAG REVIEW DATE: 5 OCTOBER 1995**

1. SITE NAME: Pratt Air to Ground Gunnery Range

SITE NUMBER: B07KS024900

LOCATION:

City: Pratt
County: Pratt
State: Kansas

PROJECT NUMBER: B07KS024901

CATEGORY: OE

INPR RAC: 4

ASR RAC: 5

TAG RAC: 5

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3. SITE DESCRIPTION: Pratt Air to Ground Gunnery Range is located about twenty miles north west of the city of Pratt, Kansas. It consists of about 7,720 acres with about 1,580 of the acres belonging to the Sand hills State Wildlife Management Area and the rest belonging to private owners. The majority of the property is used for croplands and livestock grazing, with the

management area used as hunting, camping and other outdoor activities area. It's sandy soils were deposited by wind and has a topsoil layer that is generally 25 cm thick. It is brown or grayish brown fine sandy silty soil that is loose when both dry and moist. The hazard of wind erosion in these areas is severe if the soil surface is unprotected by cultivated crops or a natural prairie grass. The soil is excessively drained and the steeper slopes are also susceptible to water erosion if not properly covered. The soil permeability averages from .0014 to .0035 cm/s and the water capacity is .12.

4. SITE HISTORY: The Pratt Air to Ground Gunnery Range is a subsidiary of the Pratt Army Air Field which was constructed between 1942 and 1943. The base handled B-17, B-26, and B-29 training for pilots, crews, and mechanics. It is possible that targets were constructed on the sand hills of this site but is unconfirmed by the ASR. The standard ordnance was .50 caliber aircraft machine gun ammunition and nothing larger would have been used. However, facts are that no DOD small arm ordnance has ever been found on this site and records do not indicate how extensive the range was used, if it was used at all. Because of a dispute in mineral rights this site had not been approved for use in May 1994 according to a letter from Headquarters Second Army Air Force. Interviews with individuals who live near by, and who are familiar with the site, indicate that it is possible that targets were set up and training was about to begin when World War II ended. It is possible that no actual training or practice occurred at this site.

5. PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The Pratt Air to Ground Gunnery Range site consists of 7720 acres and may have possibly been used as a gunnery practice range for air crews at Pratt Army Air Field. If actual practice occurred the ammunition used was no larger than .50 caliber aircraft machine gun type. The Archives Search Report lists no major area of concern for this site; therefore, the total site will be considered as Area "A".

Area AA"

Size Acres:	7720 acres
Former Use:	Air to Ground Gunnery Training Area
Present Use:	Grazing, Croplands, State Management
Probable End Use:	Same
Confirmed Ordnance:	No
Types:	N/A
Potential Ordnance:	No
Types:	N/A
Density:	None
Ordnance Depth:	None

6. CURRENT STATUS: The ASR was completed by the St. Louis District in September of 1994.

7. STRATEGY: Since there have been no significant findings of ordnance on this site, and historical documents and interviews indicate that there may have never been any actual training or practice on this site, it is recommended that No Further Action be performed on this site.

8. ISSUES AND CONCERNS: There are known Federally and State threatened and endangered species occurring in the site area. An on site inspection by the appropriate state and federal personnel may be necessary to verify the presence, absence or location of listed specie, or natural communities if remedial action is recommended as part of the final ASR. If any remedial action is deemed necessary by the TAG the St. Louis will be tasked to establish specific boundaries for each area.

9. SCHEDULE SUMMARY: NOFA

10. FUNDING /BUDGET SUMMARY: For Official Use Only

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